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SUBJECT: ECWA FOURTH PLENARY ADOPTS RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING
FULL ECWA MEMBERSHIP FOR PLO

REF: AMMAN 2415

1. SUMMARY: US DEL WAS PREVENTED AT ECWA SESSION FROM MAKING
ORAL STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO ECWA RESOLUTION TABLED APRIL 26
RECOMMENDING FULL MEMBER STATUS IN ECWA FOR PLO. GUIDANCE
REQUESTED. END SUMMARY.

2. AT APRIL 26 MORNING MEETING OF ECWA FOURTH PLENARY, AS
FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS, CHAIR ASKED IF ANY DRAFT RESOLUTION
REGARDING PLO ISSUE WAS READY FOR SUBMISSION. AFTER BRIEF
SILENCE, QATARI DEL PROPOSED THAT ITEM BE POSTPONED UNTIL
AFTERNOON MEETING, AT WHICH TIME QATARIS WOULD SUBMIT DRAFT.
PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED AND ISSUED CLOSED UNTIL AFTERNOON MEETING.

3. AT AFTERNOON MEETING, OMANI VICE-CHAIRMAN AL-LAMKY SAT IN
CHAIR. LAMKY, IMMEDIATELY UPON CONVENING MEETING, READ ARABIC
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TEXT OF PLO RESOLUTION (REFTEL) AND THEN ASKED FLOOR FOR COMMENTS
AS ENGLISH TEXT WAS BEING DISTRIBUTED. IRAQI DEL STATED THAT
MATTER HAD BEEN CLOSED AT SESSION SUNDAY EVENING. LAMKY
ASKED FOR FURTHER COMMENTS, AND RECOGNIZED US DEL, WHICH IN TURN
BEGAN READING ITS PREPARED TEXT. AFTER WORDS, "MR. CHAIRMAN,
I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MY GOVERNMENT...", IRAQI DEL INTER-
RUPTED, CLAIMING POINT OF ORDER. IRAQI REPEATED THAT

DISCUSSION ON MATTER HAD ALREADY BEEN CLOSED AND NOTED THAT ALL TWELVE MEMBERS OF ECWA HAD JOINTLY SUBMITTED RESOLUTION. KUWAITI, QATARI, AND UAE DELS IN QUICK SUCCESSION SUPPORTED IRAQI POSITION.

4. AT THIS POINT, PLO REP WAS RECOGNIZED AND REQUESTED THAT ANY OBSERVER DELEGATION THAT WISHED TO SPEAK SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT OPPORTUNITY -- EVEN THOUGH HE WOULD NOT ACTUALLY HAVE RIGHT TO DO SO. VICE-CHAIRMAN TOOK NOTE OF PLO COMMENT AND ASKED IF ANY OBSERVERS WISHED TO COMMENT. US DEL AGAIN REQUESTED FLOOR AND WAS RECOGNIZED. FOLLOWING WORDS, "MR CHAIRMAN, I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MY GOVERNMENT ...", IRAQI DEL AGAIN INTERRUPTED ON POINT OF ORDER, PRODUCING SAME JUSTIFICATION AS BEFORE, REQUESTING CLARIFICATION OF WHAT (US) DELEGATION WISHED TO SPEAK ON. VICE-CHAIRMAN ASKED US DEL IF COMMENT IT WISHED TO MAKE DEALT WITH PLO RESOLUTION OR WITH "ANOTHER MATTER." US DEL REPLIED IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO COMMENT ON THE RESOLUTION. CHAIR SAID THAT IN THAT CASE, US DEL COULD NOT SPEAK.

5. MEETING THEN RETURNED TO ROUTINE TREATMENT OF AGENDA, AND PLO ISSUE WAS NOT MENTIONED AGAIN DURING MEETING. RANKING DELEGATES OF EC NINE WHO WERE PRESENT AT MEETING (UK, FRG, FRANCE, BELGIUM, AND NETHERLANDS--ALL EC COUNTRIES WITH REPRESENTATION AT PLENARY) WITHDREW TO DETERMINE THEIR COURSE OF ACTION. THEY HAVE AGREED TO SUBMIT FOLLOWING LETTER TO CHAIRMAN DAJANI: BEGIN QUOTE

H.E. AMMAN, 26TH APRIL 1977
DR NIJMEDDIN AL-DAJANI
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MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE
CHAIRMAN 4TH SESSION OR ECWA

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AS NO OPPORTUNITY WAS GIVEN TODAY FOR US TO MAKE AN ORAL STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE E.C., I SHOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 1818 OF THE 55TH SESSION OF ECOSOC THIS REGIONAL COMMISSION IS TO BE COMPOSED OF STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATION."

UK DELEGATE
ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY END QUOTE

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6. FOLLOWING SESSION, US DEL SPOKE WITH EXEC SEC ATTAR, WHO EXPRESSED CONSTERNATION AT TURN OF EVENTS. ATTAR, WHO APPARENTLY HAS NO AUTHORITY IN PROCEDURAL MATTERS, STATED THAT CHAIR'S NOT ALLOWING US DEL TO MAKE STATEMENT CLEARLY CONTRADICTED RULES OF PROCEDURE, AND DISCUSSION SHOULD HAVE OCCURRED FOLLOWING DISTRIBUTION OF PLO RESOLUTION. OBVIOUSLY UNCOMFORTABLE, ATTAR TURNED TO ECWA SEC RAOUF AND SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS RAOUF COULD ELUCIDATE MATTER. RAOUF SAID THAT CHAIR HAD CUT OFF DISCUSSION ON BASIS OF ARTICLE 63 OF RULES OF PROCEDURE. US DEL ASKED TO SEE TEXT, WHICH RAOUF PRODUCED, UPON WHICH HE DISCOVERED THAT ARTICLE 63 DID NOT APPLY. US DEL SAID THAT ARTICLE 46 HAD BEEN MENTIONED IN DEBATE; RAOUF REPLIED THAT ARTICLE 46 WAS THE ONE HE HAD MEANT. TURNING TO TEXT OF 46 WHICH SPECIFIES 24 HOURS REQUIRED BEFORE DISCUSSION CAN BEGIN ON TABLED RESOLUTION, RAOUF SINGLED OUT PHRASE "AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMISSION" AS OPERATIVE IN CHAIR'S DECISION TO CUT OFF ANY DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION. ASKED BY US DEL IF US WOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AT SESSION EVENING APRIL 27 UNDER 24-HOUR RULE IN ARTICLE 46, RAOUF REPLIED IN NEGATIVE, NOTING AGAIN THAT COMMISSION HAD EXERCISED ITS DISCRETION.

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7. COMMENT: THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT POINT US DEL WISHED TO MAKE ON PLO ISSUE HAS BEEN MADE IN SUBSTANCE IF NOT ON

RECORD. CLEARLY PRE-ARRANGED SCENARIO ON PART OF ARAB DELEGATIONS, HAS NOT HOWEVER ALLOWED US TO FORMALLY PRESENT OUR COMMENTS. THERE APPEAR TO BE THREE OPTIONS OPEN TO US DEL AT THIS TIME: 1) TRY AGAIN, WITH DIRECT REPRESENTATION TO CHAIRMAN FOR PERMISSION TO COMMENT ON PLO MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION, CITING APPARENT VIOLATION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE (IN WHICH CASE US DEL WILL NEED SPECIFIC AND DETAILED GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT ON HOW TO PROCEED); 2) SUBMISSION OF NOTE FOR RECORD TO CHAIRMAN ALONG LINES PREVIOUSLY PREPARED TEXT (DRAWN VERBATIM FROM PARA 2 STATE 089903), OR 3) LET THE MATTER REST AS IS WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION ON OUR PART.

8. IT APPEARS CLEAR THAT OUR CONTINUED INSISTENCE ON MAKING AN ORAL STATEMENT AT TOMORROW'S SESSION WOULD PROVOKE A FURTHER CONFRONTATION WITH ECWA ARAB MEMBERS. ANOTHER OBVIOUS FACTOR IS FACT THAT JORDAN IS HOST OF CONFERENCE WHICH COINCIDES WITH KING HUSSEIN'S CURRENT VISIT TO U.S.; OUR FUTHER ATTEMPT TO PRESS ISSUE OF ORAL STATEMENT COULD POSSIBLY BE DISRUPTIVE AND THEREFORE POST AN EMBARRASSMENT TO JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT HOSTS. UNLESS DEPARTMENT DESIRES TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF QUESTION, WE SUGGEST WE ATTEMPT TO CIRCULATE WRITTEN STATEMENT, AS EC-9 PLANS TO DO. EVEN THOUGH ECWA CHAIRMAN DAJANI SUGGESTED THIS COURSE YESTERDAY, WE HAVE NO ASSURANCE, GIVEN ATTITUDES OF THOSE CONTROLLING CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, THAT WRITTEN STATEMENT WILL IN FACT BE INSERTED IN CONFERENCE RECORDS; BUT WE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INSURE THAT IT IS INSERTED.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS. REQUEST REPLY TO ARRIVE BY 0800 LOCAL TIME TOMORROW. CONFERENCE RESUMES AT 0930 LOCAL.
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